



ALEXANDRIA. MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31.

WITH THE expiration of to-day another year will have been added to the untold thousands that have preceded it to that...

Now that the republicans have secured possession of the country for the next four years, some of their Senators don't deem...

THE YEAR'S experience of the business men of all the thriving cities in the country is to the effect that those who advertised...

IN THE January number of the Forum, in an article deprecating any advances on this side of the line for the annexation of Canada...

THE FOURTEEN Southern republicans in the next U. S. House of Representatives will hold an easy balance of power in that body...

SENATOR MORRILL calls the internal revenue a "painful memento of the late rebellion," which, he says, should be obliterated...

MARYLAND is as slow about suppressing illegal oyster dredging in her waters as she was about joining the Confederacy...

NO NEW YEAR'S GIFT could be more useful and instructive to one's self, his family, or friend...

From Washington. (Special Correspondence of the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 31, 1888.

The House Committee appointed to investigate the alleged infraction and inefficiency of the laws prohibiting the importation of contract labor...

Mr. E. Vernon, the Sunday newspaper and magazine publisher of Philadelphia, had, as he thought, bought the Post of this city...

It is said here that the demand of the negroes of Indiana for a Cabinet place for one of their race is backed by their whole race...

Architect Clark of the Capitol says the stone work of the improvement now in progress to the west front of that building will be completed by the 1st of July...

Senator Hawley of Connecticut will occupy Senator Riddleberger's seat after the 1st of March. Senator elect Barbour will occupy the seat of Senator Kenna of West Virginia...

Representative Vandever, republican, of California, says that Mr. Harrison would not only have a Southern man in his Cabinet, but that that man should be a true representative of the Southern people...

The marble figure of General Cass, of Michigan, has been received at the Capitol from Italy, where it was chiseled, and is now being erected in stately hall...

Mr. Oberley, ex-chief of the civil service commission, but now commissioner of Indian affairs, says that everybody familiar with the subject knew before that the civil service laws imposed no restriction, but that such restriction was the result of the arbitrary action of the commission...

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Judge S. G. Mullis, one of the most influential citizens of Henry county, died Thursday last.

W. Frederick Gunter, son of Judge Benjamin F. Gunter, of Accomac, died Saturday of consumption.

Rev. Mr. Griggs, of Washington, Rappahannock county, has been called to St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Poolesville, Md.

Judge F. R. Farrar ("Johnny Rebb") and wife of America county, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughters, Mattie L. to T. P. Shelton, and Lily M. to L. B. Foster, on New Year's Day.

Gov. Lee on Saturday issued a requisition on the Governor of Pennsylvania for the delivery of Wm. Kibbey, convicted of bigamy in Shenandoah county, but who escaped and is now held by the Pennsylvania authorities.

At Blackley's store, in Caroline county, a party of colored men made an unprovoked attack on Mr. Campbell, white, a salesman in the store. Campbell was badly cut in several places and his skull fractured, rendering his recovery doubtful.

The sheriff of Dinwiddie county on Saturday levied on the stock, fixtures and farming implements of the State Central Lunatic Asylum, near Petersburg, to satisfy a claim for rent for \$5,000 for the building formerly used for asylum purposes in Richmond.

At Rowneck on Saturday night Miss Amelia Laville attempted to shoot herself through the heart. The ball struck a rib, ranged around the heart and inflicted a very serious wound. She says she was insulted by ladies every time she went on the street, and could endure it no longer. Eighteen months ago her brother took his own life, after shooting Charles Reynolds.

REV. DR. McKIM at EPIPHANY CHURCH in WASHINGTON.—The Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D. D., preached his first sermon as rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Washington yesterday morning at 11 o'clock before a large congregation. He took for his text Romans, first chapter, fourth, fifth, sixth, and part of seventh verses. From this text the preacher set forth the significance of the gospel in its relation to the life and work of the minister and preacher of God's Word. The catholicity of the gospel was the first point upon which he dwelt—the adaptation of the gospel to men's hearts and lives in every age and clime and under all conditions and circumstances. Yet while it is the same gospel of Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," it needs to be taught, it should not be taught, in the same formulas or dogmas nor presented by the same theories throughout all time. While there is a law of continuity which binds us to the past, the law of fact as embodied in the creed, which links us to the past era of the church, there is also a law of progress, which looks to the future, and bears witness to the truth that the great principles of which the creed are the substantial expression, need from time to time newer, broader, stronger expressions of their meaning; for it is evident that former generations had not always a full and true grasp of all the principles which constitute the system of Christian life and doctrine. What is the gospel, in its essential nature and meaning, apart from all doctrine? It is a life: "the power of an endless life." The apostle in the text says it is the power of God unto salvation, unto every one that believeth. He defines it not theoretically, but dynamically; not as a system of rules or a philosophy, but a life. He points to the life of Jesus Christ, that is the sum and substance of his preaching. "Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God," and the true teacher of the gospel cannot but follow the example of St. Paul and set forth with all the power of his own life and example and teaching the blessedness and the power and the truth of life in Christ and for Christ. The preacher dwelt upon the intimate relationship now entered upon and subsisting between him and the parishioners, and asked for their prayers and help.

Bishop Paré was present in the chancel, and upon the close of the eloquent and forcible discourse of the new rector bespoke the favor, aid and affection of the people of the parish in behalf of their new pastor and guide. The bishop spoke with much feeling, dwelling upon the happy years which he and the rector spent together in the power of God. The people listened with deepest interest and attention.

The American ship Bohemia and the British ship Carnarvonshire both arrived at San Francisco Friday after a passage of 134 days from Cardiff, Wales. The Carnarvonshire sailed from Cardiff just one hour before the Bohemia, and arrived just one hour ahead of her in port. The vessels spoke each other only twice during the entire passage.

The City's Business of the Year.

The year 1888 has drawn to a close. To some it has been a bright, prosperous year, while to others it has brought disappointment, sorrow and death. Still we hurry and bustle of business goes on, with a race to keep in the lead, and those who lag behind are soon left and their places taken by others more fortunate. Just at this time the merchants and business men are engaged in winding up and arranging the affairs of the old, preparatory to commencing anew their labors for the coming year, which, it is hoped, will bring to all prosperity, peace and plenty. Now books are being balanced, accounts settled and stock inventories taken in order that the New Year may be begun with a proper understanding of the trade bearings and a knowledge of the result of the year's business.

A reporter of the GAZETTE, as has been his custom for some years past, has obtained from a number of the leading merchants and business men of the city their ideas and opinions as to the trade of the city during the past twelve months, as compared with the previous year. From their statements it is evident that the general business of the city this year increased over that of last and that the trade of Alexandria is steadily growing. A number of the more active and enterprising merchants have greatly extended their business and brought a large trade to the city, while others have contented themselves with staying in the old rut and trusting that trade will come to them. Of course these latter comprise of the dullness of trade, but such complaints do the city an injustice, and reflect no credit on the croakers who are seldom prosperous business men.

In no other twelvemonth for many years past has the city done so much to shake off the old conservatism which has so long hampered her in the race with other communities, and not for many years has her prospect of future greatness brighter. Considering the disadvantages under which Alexandria labors, her proximity to large cities, her large debt, her heavy rate of taxation and the apathy of a considerable and influential portion of her citizens regarding her own advancement, her growth is really gratifying. This is strikingly shown in one direction by the building operations of the year. Fully one hundred houses have been erected during the year, at an expenditure of \$150,000, and in many instances these have been built not to rent but as homes for the builders.

Turning from the building operations to the business of the city the same advance is manifest. It is impossible to give statistics relating to the manufacturing output during the year, or the volume of business transacted, but there is no reason to doubt that they have been satisfactory and are increasing. The officers of the banks speak encouragingly of the business of the city and of the financial standing of the merchants, and draw their conclusions from the facts that whereas a few years since most of the merchants bought on time, giving notes bearing interest, they now pay cash in a majority of instances, or discount their own paper. The banks also report a large increase of the volume of business which is a good indication. The wholesale trade in flour, provisions, oil, hard coal, ice, drugs, dry goods, tobacco, hardware, liquor, lumber, leather, china, glass, &c., has considerably increased, many of those engaged in such business having largely extended their territory and aided materially in building up the city's trade.

The retail dealers, as a rule, have done well and but few will say that their sales this year have not exceeded those of last. Of course there are a few such, but this does not alter the case and the fact remains that the general retail trade has increased. And why should it not? There are certain to be more people in the city now than there were a year ago and the population is steadily increasing. These require food, clothing, fuel, &c., and the more consumers the more trade.

The general healthfulness of the city, its good schools, pure water and cheap cost of living are attracting attention from outside and combine to make a residence here desirable. The manufacturers and mechanics, too, have been kept busy. The manufacture and sale of sash, doors, blinds, leather, &c., this year show a large increase over those of last year; the machinists have done more work, the brewery made and sold more beer, the cracker factory manufactured and sold more goods, and, in fact, in almost every instance where an effort has been made to push trade it has been successful.

There have been comparatively few failures among the merchants in the city during the year, and such as have occurred were for small amounts, and but few others were materially hurt by them.

A good hotel is much wanted here, and the man who opens and properly conducts one would soon build up a profitable business.

The greatest need of the city is manufactures, and it is believed that if a few were started here, even if they were small at first and employed but a few men each, their effect would soon be felt and others would follow.

During the year the subject of a city park has been agitated, but as yet no definite steps have been taken in that direction. The fact that desirable grounds cannot be secured in or near the heart of the city should not check the movement, but every citizen should interest himself in the matter and see that during the next year the city should possess such a desirable acquisition. There are a number of sites immediately on the suburbs which could be utilized as a park, and with a proper effort the desired result could soon be obtained.

New Buildings. The city's growth during the year just closing is apparent, over one hundred buildings having been added during that time, aggregating in cost about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Many of these structures will compare favorably with houses of the larger cities, and all present a creditable appearance. The new public school building on Washington street is an imposing structure, and that in course of erection on Duke street for the accommodation of Catholic societies and schools will be equally as colossal. The new store recently built by Messrs. Chas. King & Son, on North Lee street, is regarded as a model structure of the kind. The private dwellings erected during the coming year many others will be added to the city's taxable property.

Items of Local Interest. There are 815 gas consumers as against 820 last year; 12 yearly consumers, and 176 street lamps. The officers of the gas works have put in 31 new services (in new houses) renewed 36, put up 2 new street lamps and laid 108 feet of 3-inch main pipe. The 12 yearly consumers consist of engine houses, infirmary, body building, court room, Mayor's office, town clock and all offices in the market building and the market below.

There are 1890 water meters in the city, an increase of about 10 over last year. 87 new fire plugs have been put in. The Water Company has extended its mains and

laid 3,679 feet of new pipe as follows: 438 on Patrick street, between Pincuss and Oronoco; 1,214 on Alfred, between Duke and Gibbon; 430 on Columbus, from Wilkes to Gibbon; 1,040 on Cameron, from Patrick to Fayette, and 457 on Wolfe, from Lee to Union.

The total fire insurance losses paid by the agents in this city during the year was \$6,790 97, a decrease of \$800 54 from the amount paid out last year. The losses were paid as follows: By Wise & Co., \$5,716 30; Janney & Warfield, \$1,059 17; A. C. Harmon, \$15 50; P. B. Hoge, nothing.

During the year the police made 1,466 arrests, as against 1,302 last year. The number of marriage licenses issued by the clerk of the Corporation Court during the year was 105—62 white and 43 colored. Last year there were 67 white, 49 colored.

The number of deeds recorded by the Clerk of the Corporation Court during the year was 605 as against 456 last year.

In the Circuit Court for the city there were 7 chancery suits entered; 13 common law and 303 coupon cases. In the Corporation Court there were 31 chancery suits; 23 common law, and 215 coupon cases. The coupon cases were all common law. Those in the Corporation Court were petitions for verification.

During the year 17 wills were admitted to probate in the Corporation Court. There are seven building associations in the city, which during the year loaned upwards of \$150,000, most of which was used in building.

The number of prisoners received at the jail during the year was 302, an increase of 69 over last year. 148 were committed for felonies and 154 for misdemeanor and subject to the chain gang. Beside these 17 in some persons were temporarily committed to jail. There were no escapes from the jail during the year. There are now 28 prisoners in jail, 11 of whom are charged with felonies.

Another hundred new houses have been added to the city, which cost over \$150,000, besides many improvements have been made to others. The city still boasts of having three of the best equipped and most efficient volunteer fire companies in the State. Each has a fine house and a well fitted and furnished hall, and the total membership aggregates over 200.

The Alexandria Light Infantry, the crack military company of the State, during the year have had their armory enlarged and handsomely improved. The command has a membership of 85, and is preparing to enter a competitive drill for a prize.

The number of barrels of flour received here during the year was in the neighborhood of 50,000—almost double that of last year. The real estate transactions in the city have been numerous, and there is an active demand for desirable building lots and for medium-sized dwelling houses.

In the county the real estate transactions have never been exceeded in a single year, and the general financial condition of the county is better than it has been for many years past.

During the year the city became the purchaser of the old canal locks and water front, which, it is believed, will soon become valuable property. The amount of mail matter received here during the year was considerably in excess of that of last year.

During the school year the Clerk of the City School Board has issued 1,588 permits to children to enter the public schools—536 white boys, 435 white girls, 415 to colored boys and 412 to colored girls.

There was expended out of the city's general fund for the years ending 1886, \$66,000; 1887, \$56,000; 1888, \$60,000. Of the last mentioned sum \$3,100 was paid for the canal locks, &c., purchased by the city.

No temporary loans have been made by the city since February, 1888. The commissioners of the sinking fund have purchased since June 1st \$6,500 city bonds—\$1,000 of the issue of 1872 and \$5,500 of the issue of 1879.

The dog family is slightly on the increase, six more having been licensed during this than last year. 535 dog licenses were issued in 1886, 539 in '87 and 545 in '88. Of the last number, 501 were for male and 44 for female dogs; amount realized from licenses, \$637, the largest sum in 15 years. Fully 500 dogs were not licensed this year.

The number of vessels which arrived at this port during the year was 1,343; number which sailed with cargoes, 1,235. Value of importations, \$63,000; amount of duties paid, \$24,000. Tonnage of port, 4782 tons.

The collections of internal revenue for the year were, by sale of beer stamps, \$46,610; cigar stamps, \$3,800; special tax stamps, \$4,900—total \$55,310. This does not include tax on spirits made at any of the distilleries.

FLUCK OF A DYING BRAKEMAN.—Edward Camden, a young brakeman on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, while coupling cars at Norfolk, on Saturday, slipped and two wheels passed over both thighs. To extricate him both wheels had to be run over his legs again, and then, before he was gotten out, four cars broke loose from the train and ran over his mangled limbs. He was fully conscious all the time and did not make a cry of pain or a complaint. When he was gotten out he quickly removed a quid of tobacco from his mouth and threw it away, with the remark that he would never take one again. When the surgeon amputated the shreds of his mangled limbs he took no anesthetic. Up to the time of his death, some hours afterward, he never uttered a complaint.

FIVE BOATS CAPTURED.—A fight between the police boat Julia Hamilton and a fleet of illegal dredgers took place last Thursday afternoon in Fishing Bay, on the Dorchester county, Md., coast. Capt. Tyler, of the Julia Hamilton, discovered the dredgers at work in the morning, and ordered them away. They were undisturbed in a doubt for, and apparently sailed off but returned, and in the afternoon Capt. Tyler attacked them. The fight continued several hours, over 600 shots being fired from the police boat and a great many from the boats of the oyster thieves. The dredgers were finally routed. Friday morning the State forces were strengthened by the arrival of the steamer Gen. Meane, and five dredging schooners were captured and towed into Cambridge. Their captains escaped.

"Man wants but little, here below, nor wants that little long," sang the hermit of Goldsmith. P. rhaps he does, if he is thinking of colds, but if he is thinking of cough remedies, he wants it good when he gets it. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup meets the wants of suffering humanity, and is all one wants here below to stop the ravages of pain.

The body of the man found murdered in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, has been identified as that of a German named Antoine Schelling, and Jacob Schrop, with whom he boarded, has been arrested, charged with his murder.

The account of a battle in Mexico between the government forces and the clericals, telegraphed on Saturday night, turns out to have been a hoax.

During this year 289,595 immigrants were landed at Castle Garden, N. Y.—an increase of 1,977 over the previous year.

Mr. J. Schraeger, a Book-keeper at 11 German St., Baltimore, Md., states:—"I've used Salvation Oil for rheumatism from which I've suffered greatly for a long while and can say it entirely relieved me. I would not be without it at any cost."

CATARH CURED, health and sweet breath secured, by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

ASK YOU MADE miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

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POSTSCRIPT

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Jackson Challenged. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—An Inter Ocean special from St. Louis says that Charlie Mitchell, acting as manager for Jake Kilrain, has sent a telegram to President Fulda, of the California Athletic Club, of San Francisco, challenging Peter Jackson for a match to be fought for the purse offered by Fulda, \$6,000, the fight to occur in the latter part of March, the amount to be allowed Kilrain for expenses being \$1,000. This is to be a challenge regardless of whether Sullivan fights Kilrain or not.

Fight with Gloves. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.—Mart Fabey and Jim Fell, the man who will soon fight Patsy Cardiff 15 rounds, met at a point not over five miles from Minneapolis in a 10 round contest with two ounce gloves. The fight was one of the hottest ever seen in Minneapolis. During the mill Fell was thrown against a red hot stove and sustained severe bruises on his right side. The referee decided the fight a draw.

Assassinated. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 31.—White Wm. S. Price, a prominent and wealthy farmer, who lives near Athens, Tenn., was on his way home from that city Saturday night he was fired upon by an unknown man. Both barrels of a shot gun were emptied into him at short range inflicting fatal wounds. The murderer has not yet been found.

Placed in the Hands of a Receiver. CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—The Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore road has been placed in the hands of a receiver. Col. Orlando Smith, who has been president of the road, and Henry C. Yergason, vice-president of the Merchants' National Bank of this city, have been appointed joint receivers.

Iron and Steel Trade. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—A summing up of the iron and steel trade of the United States during 1888, as made by the Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association shows that this has not been a particularly prosperous year for the iron trade, and in many respects fell below 1887 and 1886.

A Denial. AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 31.—The published statement that Mr. James G. Blaine had left the city either for Washington or the West is unfounded. Mr. Blaine is still in Augusta, and has not yet determined when he will leave town.

Fight with State Troops. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—A letter from Hazard, Ky., brings news of a fight on Christmas day between the French party in the French Eversole feud and a detachment of State troops recently organized there. More trouble is feared.

Another Strike Threatened. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 31.—The brick makers of Pittsburg and Allegheny have decided to demand an advance in wages of 10 per cent, on March 1st and to strike if the increase is not conceded.

Two Boys Drowned. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 31.—Two boys, James Ford and Nathan Gilchrist, age 9 and 14, were drowned in a bayou yesterday. They were skating when the ice broke, precipitating both into the bayou.

Gored to Death. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—Information has been received that Col. J. M. Jones one of the wealthiest and most influential ranchmen in Cheyenne county was gored to death yesterday morning by a bull.

Explosion of a Bomb. MADRID, Dec. 31.—A bomb which had been deposited in the hall of the conservative and republican club by some unknown person exploded yesterday, but, fortunately, did no serious damage.

Death of a Consul. BERMUDA, Dec. 27.—Charles Maxwell Allen, the United States Consul for Bermuda, died at his residence "Wistow" Flats, Monday, December 24.

Appointment. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mayor Hewitt this afternoon appointed D. L. L. Smith as Commissioner of Public Works, and he was at once sworn into office.

Revenue Receipts. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The receipts from internal revenue to date were \$677,518, and from customs \$680,455.

A Perilous Voyage. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The steamship Vendam, from Rotterdam, arrived here early this morning after a terrifically stormy voyage, during which one of the crew was washed overboard and drowned and another seriously injured.

For 30 years I have been troubled with catarrh—tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist here recommended Ely's Cream Balm. I have used only one bottle, and I can say I feel like a new man. My catarrh was chronic and very bad. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Mathewson (lawyer), Pawtucket, R. I.

I was troubled with catarrh in my head to an annoying extent for three years. After using one bottle of Ely's Cream Balm I was entirely cured. [Wm. J. Cline, Victor, N. Y.]

DIED. Sandy evening, December 30th at five minutes past seven o'clock, NETTIE, wife of Julian Chastney, in the 33rd year of her age. She was generally well placed from her late residence, in West End, Wednesday evening, January 24, at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.—[Washington papers please copy.]

TURKEY SHOOTING.—A shooting match, which was to have taken place at the shipyard this afternoon, was postponed until to-morrow at 2 o'clock on account of rain. A number of fine live Turkey's will be shot for. All are invited. J. T. COOK.

This is the last day on which tickets are sold on the GOLD STEM-WINDING WATCH at J. D. H. LINT'S. Persons interested will please present them January 1st, 1889. J. D. H. LINT.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—There was nothing in the stock market this morning except the covering of a few small shorts, and with the very limited offerings this had the effect of opening the market up from 1/8 to 1/2 per cent. from Saturday's final figures. The market became intensely dull immediately, and after the cessation of the first demand was unable to hold the high prices of the opening, and everything sagged off, though the movement was for insignificant fractions only. A better tone was developed before the close of the hour, however, and the early losses were generally recovered. At 11 o'clock the market was dull but firm with insignificant changes from the opening prices. Money easy at 4 1/2.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Virginia consolidated—; past-due coupons—; do 10-40s 35 1/2 bid, do 3s 65 1/2.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE DEC. 31.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Superfine, Extra, Family, Fancy brands, Wheat, Longberry, Fultz, Mixed, Fair Wheat, Damp and tough, Corn, white, old, New, Yellow, Mixed, Corn Meal, Rye, Oats, Butter, Virginia priming, Common to middling, Eggs, fresh, Live Chickens (hens), Dress'd Chickens, Dress'd Ducks, Dress'd Turkeys, Veal Calves, Grass Calves, Irish Potatoes per bushel, Onions, Dried Peaches, peeled, "unpeeled", "cherries", Dried Apples, Apples per bbl (Virginia), Do New York, Dressed, fresh quarters, Hind quarters, Bacon—Hams, country, Best sugar cured Hams, Butcher's Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Sugar-cured Shoulders, Bulk should, Fat backs, "fat backs", "bellies", Bacon Shoulders, "Sides", Lard, Smoked Beef, Smoked Brw., Old A. Southern, Conf. Standard A., Granulated, Coffee—Rio, Java, Molasses B. S., New Orleans, Porto Rico, Sugar Syrup, Herrings, Eastern, per bbl., Potomac No. 1, Pot. Family Do, Do, 7 lb. cts., Mackerel, small, per bbl., "No. 3, medium", "No. 2, large fat", Clover Seed, Timothy, Old Processed Meal, Plaster, ground, per ton, Ground in bags, Lump, G. A. (Liverpool), Fine, Turk's Island, Wool—Long unwashed, Washed, Merino unwashed, Do, Washed, Sumac, Hay, Cut do, Wheat Bran 7 ton, extra, Brown middlings, White Middlings, Houny Chop, Cotton Seed Meal.

Flour is easy and slow to move at a decline of from 10 to 15c per barrel for low and medium grades, but owing to the scarcity of strictly prime wheat neither millers nor holders of choice family brands are making special efforts to sell at current prices. Wheat is without further change, and the markets are still under the "bullish feeling," we note sales of this security offerings at from 80 to 103. Corn is steady at 40 to 43 for new, and at 46 to 48 for old white. Rye 55 to 58. Oats 30 to 33. Eggs are dull and lower at 18 to 20. Butter 16 to 20. Potatoes, Apples and other produce are in liberal supply.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Cotton dull; middling 95 1/2; Flour flat. Wheat—other steady and firmer; Fultz and longberry 100 1/2; No. 2 Southern 100 1/2; Western firm; No. 2 winter red spot 96 1/2; Jan 96 1/2; Feb 98 1/2; March 100 1/2. Corn—Southern firm and heavy; white and yellow 38 1/2; Western firm; mixed spot and Jan 42 1/2; Feb 43; stacked spot 39 1/2. Oats dull and firm; Southern at 23 1/2; Western white 32 1/2; do mixed 29 1/2; graded No. 2 white 33 bid. Rye quiet at 60 1/2. Hay dull; prime to choice timothy \$16 1/2. Provisions steady and unchanged. Butter quiet; Western packed 19 1/2; best roll 19 1/2; creamery 24 1/2. Eggs easy at 20 1/2. Coffee dull; Rio cargoes fair 10 1/2. Sugar dull; A 50 1/2. Whisky steady at a sharp decline; ear lots \$1 10; small lots \$1 15 1/2.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31, 11 a. m.—May Wheat 107 1/2; 107 1/2 Jan 102 1/2; asked; May Corn 37 1/2; Jan 34 1/2; May oats 28 1/2; 28 1/2; May Pork \$13 40; Jan \$12 90; Jan Lard \$7 62 1/2; 65; Jan short ribs \$0 80.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton steady; uplands 9 1/2; Orleans 10, futures steady. Flour dull and strong. Wheat active and strong. Corn dull and firmer. Pork dull and nominal at \$14 25 1/2 to 14 75. Lard steady and dull at 88 3/4.

FIRST NAT'L BANK, ALEXANDRIA, VA. The Board of Directors of this Bank have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE AND A HALF PER CENT, clear of taxes, payable on Wednesday, January 2, 1889. dec31 3c C. E. HOOFF, Cashier.

FOR SALE. 200 CORDS OF PINE WOOD AT \$2.75 PER CORD. In carload lots of 8 and 9 cords each. Delivered on track in Alexandria, Va. M. A. JORDAN & SONS, 11 1/2 Hyattmarket, Prince William county, Va. dec31 1m

MOCHA, JAVA, MARACAIBO, LA GUAYRA and RIO COFFEES, freshly roasted, for sale by [dec31] J. C. MILBURN.

ONE-POUND BLOCKS COD FISH, Fancy stock. sep9 GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

WE OFFER special inducements in GUNS, PISTOLS, SHELLS, &c., and other goods in that line. Call and see at 58 King, corner of Royal street. sep27 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

FINE PERFUMERY. Something New. Blue Belle of Scotland, Trailing Arbutin, Tally Ho, Marchal Nid Rose and Alpine Violet at 10c. JOHN D. H. LINT'S.

LEADERSHIP'S POROUS PLASTERS, equal to any plaster made, and at much lower prices. Sold by E. S. LEADBEATER & CO. feb 20